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DYER ANTI-LYNCHING BILL IS APPROVED

REPORTED FAVORABLY TO THE SENATE BY VOTE OF EIGHT TO SIX.

BILL HAS PASSED THE HOUSE

Measure Provides Penalties by the Federal Government for Violence by Mobs.

Washington. — The Dyer anti-lynching bill, providing penalties by the federal government for mob action, was reported favorably with amendments by the senate judiciary committee, by a vote of 8 to 6.

Sensors Ashurst, democrat, Arizona, and Norris, republican, Nebraska, did not vote.

The vote ended a long committee fight over the bill, which was passed last January by the house and which has been urged by negro and other organizations. Opponents of the measure have declared it an unconstitutional interference with state rights.

Comparatively few changes were made in the original house bill and these were said to be designed to meet the constitutional objections.

A sub-committee of the senate committee recently recommended defeat of the bill on the ground that it violated the constitution. Some senators voting for a favorable report were said to hold doubts regarding its constitutionality but thought the bill should be enacted and put up to the supreme court.

The bill declares that if states fail, neglect or refuse to maintain protection of life, they shall be deemed to have denied the constitutional guarantees and the federal authorities will have power to act by indictment of state officers or members of a mob and trial in the federal courts.

The measure requires "reasonable" effort by state officers to maintain order and protect prisoners and their failure would subject them to imprisonment for five years and a fine of \$5,000. Members of mobs which a prisoner is put to death would be subject to conviction for conspiracy with imprisonment for five years to life imprisonment.

Counties in which fatal mob disorders occur would be liable to the family of the victim under a forfeit of \$10,000.

Amendments adopted by the senate committee require that failure to the state officers to protect mob victims must be charged in the federal indictment and proven to the satisfaction of the federal trial court.

The bill has had an unusually bad course in the senate committee after a stormy birth in the house. After lying in the judiciary committee without action for several months, Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, republican leader, and other republicans started the movement for disposition by the committee which culminated in a favorable vote. Republican leaders were doubtful, however, whether senate consideration could be secured at this session.

Eight republicans, Chairman Nelson, Minnesota; Dillingham, Vermont; Brandegee, Connecticut; Cummings, Iowa; Colt, Rhode Island; Sterling, South Dakota; Ernest, Kentucky, and Shortridge, California, voted in favor of the bill. One republican, Senator Borah, Idaho, and five democrats, Culberson, Texas; Overman, North Carolina; Reed, Missouri; Shields, Tennessee; and Walsh, Montana, were recorded in opposition.

S. A. L. Divided into Two Districts.

Norfolk, Va.—The Seaboard Air Line railway will be divided into two general districts known as the northern and southern general districts under orders issued by M. H. Cahill, vice president and general manager.

G. V. Peyton, former superintendent of the Virginia division, will be general superintendent, northern district, with headquarters at Norfolk.

The Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia divisions will constitute the northern district, while South Carolina, East Carolina, Alabama and Florida divisions will be the southern district.

Creation of the two general districts re-establishes the system of operation formerly used by the Seaboard, but abandoned in recent years when all divisions have been under one head. To succeed Mr. Peyton as superintendent of the Virginia division, C. D. Thornton was named. J. C. Wroton, now assistant superintendent of transportation, has also been named transportation assistant on the staff of the vice president and general manager.

CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS.

Wilmington. — Figures available at the custom house here show that receipts at Wilmington during the month of May were more than half a million dollars, with the prospects for the entire year exceeding four million.

Durham. — Amendment of the league rule in regard to clubs employing ineligible players to read: "The manager shall be fined \$100 and the ineligible player employed shall be fined \$100," was the most important action of Piedmont league directors in session here.

Statesville. — E. S. Millsaps, farm agent for the Piedmont district, has issued a call for a conference of the agents of his district to be held in Statesville on July 18, 19 and 20th. While here the farm agents will have headquarters at the new Vance hotel.

Wilmington. — Although the shipping season is not yet over the amount of fruit and vegetables shipped north from Wilmington this season will amount, in cash returns to shippers, to more than \$2,000,000, agents of the Fruit Growers' Express announced here.

Elizabeth City. — The new 10,000 organ of the First Methodist church of this city is now completely installed and will first be used in the dedication service at the new church, which will be held as soon as all outstanding indebtedness against it is paid.

High Point. — Following a splendid address by Dr. T. H. Lewis, of Washington, D. C., president of the general conference of Methodist Protestant church, the summer conference of ministers of that denomination in North Carolina closed at the Children's Home here.

Mount Olive. — Notwithstanding unfavorable weather conditions, shipments of potatoes and cucumbers from this point this year have been unusually heavy. The potato crop and the cucumber crop have been harvested yet, so final figures are not available.

Greensboro. — R. L. Barnhardt, local chiropractor, has the option of 12 months on the county roads or leaving the city for good. The roads or banishment sentence was imposed in the municipal court following his trial on a charge of having narcotics in his possession. He has until July 10 to wind up his affairs and hit the grit.

Kinston. — Amateur scientists here are delighted with numerous finds of fossils coming out of a new municipal artesian well at Hillcrest. They are bits of petrified wood, sharks' teeth and other things. Nothing has turned up yet that could not be classified. Persons versed in fossils say all the finds so far are only duplicates of things found in this region before.

Rockingham. — Declaring that he intends to conduct such a revival as will give the devil high blood pressure, "Cyclone" McLendon opened a four weeks revival at Rockingham before an audience of 4,500 people.

Lumberton. — Close observers declare that crops generally in Robeson county are the poorest seen in several years. The continued wet weather is the cause. The tobacco crop, which at one time was very promising, has been damaged seriously by the heavy rains, thousands of acres being practically ruined.

Charlotte. — Herman Massey, white, son of Noah Massey, was killed by being crushed by an elevator. He and another boy were playing near the elevator. The Massey boy went under the elevator while the other was pulling it up. It fell, crushing the boy to death.

Kinston. — James Hill, age 12, was killed and his grandmother, Mrs. Julia Hill, an elderly woman, was perhaps fatally injured and three others badly hurt when a truck owned by the West Construction company, laden with negro laborers, left the road near Deep run, 10 miles from here.

Taylorsville. — The contract for Taylorsville's new high school was awarded to the Mooresville Furniture company, their bid being \$37,920.00. Work will commence on the new structure by the first of July. The building will be completed next fall in time for the next term of school, which opens in September.

FOUR COURTS SCENE OF IRISH WARFARE

GREAT BUILDING STILL HELD BY IRREGULARS DESPITE BY BOMBARDMENT.

GREAT BRITAIN IS NOT IN IT

Small Artillery Trench Mortars and Machine Guns Were Employed By Attacking Forces.

Dublin. — Michael Collins, head of the Irish Free State government, took active measures against the republican insurgents under Rory O'Connor in their stronghold in the center of Dublin, Four Courts. An ultimatum for the surrender of the insurgents was ignored and at the expiration of a brief time limit Free State troops in armored cars and motor lorries began a movement against the insurgents which was met with an immediate fusillade from the building.

From dawn until night there were heavy exchanges, although at intervals the firing ceased. Small artillery trench mortars and machine guns were employed by the attacking forces, but the irregulars confined themselves largely to machine gun and rifle fire. No attempt was made to carry Four Courts by assault, but one of the walls of the building was breached at various places.

The casualties are few in proportion to the nature of the fighting, and they consist for the most part of civilians caught in the line of fire. So far as is known seven were killed and a score more less seriously wounded. This does not include any casualties that may have been suffered by the irregulars, these being impossible to ascertain.

Less than one thousand Free State troops are engaged in the present operations and it is known that the irregulars number several hundred.

The Irish labor party is reported to disapprove of the action of the provisional government in attacking the building, but the provisional government, once it decided to suppress the revolt of the irregulars, acted immediately and took efficiently all the usual war measures. It is handling the situation entirely alone, without any assistance from British troops who are still in garrison in Dublin.

A feature of the operations was that even within a short distance of the scene of the fighting business proceeded normally and though in the afternoon there was some slackening of the traffic in the streets, a visitor might have noticed nothing unusual beyond the sound of artillery and the rattle of rifle fire at intervals, often in unexpected places.

Cadets Killed in Accident.

San Antonio, Texas. — Three aviation cadets were killed and their bodies burned when an airplane in which they had just taken off at Brooks field, fell from a height of 200 feet.

The dead are:

Waldron R. Farrell, 24, Philadelphia, pilot, killed instantly.

William C. McCoy, 22, Nashville, Tenn.

George C. Thompson, West Philadelphia, Pa.

Farrell and McCoy are said to have gone from their station in Kelly field to Brooks field, where Thompson had arrived from Carlstrom field, Florida, on his way to Kelly field.

Goal is 600,000 Converts.

Nashville, Tenn. — A goal of 600,000 converts during the present conventional year was fixed as the evangelistic program of Southern Baptists at a meeting here of the conservation commission of the Seventy-Million campaign and of other leaders of the church from all sections of the South. State and church organizations also were called upon to set up again their original machinery for carrying the campaign to a successful conclusion.

Bruce Bielaski Released.

Mexico City. — A Bruce Bielaski, the American who was captured several days ago by bandits in the state of Morelos, was delivered by his captors to friends at Chetia, following payment of a ransom of \$10,000 in gold.

Mr. Bielaski with his party was reported to be proceeding by train to Mexico City. According to the message information reaching the capital, the release of Mr. Bielaski was without untoward incident.

Marconi Awarded Medal.

New York. — The John Frits medal, one of the highest distinctions bestowed by the engineering profession in this country, has been awarded for 1922 to Senator Guglielmo Marconi, for the invention of wireless telegraphy.

COTTON CONDITION REPORTS FAVORABLE

BENEFITED MATERIALLY BY THE WEATHER CONDITIONS IN COTTON BELT.

PERCENTAGE PLACED AT 72.4

Crop of 11,224,000 Bales is Estimated on Basis of Government Formula.

New York. — A detailed analysis of reports received from approximately 1,600 reliable correspondents of the Journal of Commerce leads to the belief that cotton has benefited materially by the improvement in weather conditions noted throughout the greater part of the cotton belt the past two weeks or more. These returns, gathered under an average date of June 24 place the estimate of percentage condition at 72.4 per cent, an increase of 6 per cent over last month, and the highest June condition figure since 1918, when it was estimated at 82.1 per cent.

It is, however, not the largest increase in recent years, since in June, 1920 a gain of 3.5 per cent was indicated and in 1918 of 1.9 per cent. Last June there was a decline of 5 per cent and in 1919 no less than 7.1 per cent. Percentage condition a year ago was only 68.3 per cent, but 71.5 in 1920 and 71.4 per cent the year before that.

Although considerable late cotton has been planted during June, correspondents have not changed their estimate of acreage increase for the whole belt, and the total is placed by the government at 34,339,000 acres. From this, with a condition of 72.4 per cent, according to the government formula a crop of 11,224,000 bales might be raised, which compares with an actual production last year of 7,463,641 bales, 13,439,603 bales in 1920, and 16,134,930 bales in the banner year of 1916.

Lynching Denounced at Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga. — Denunciation of lynching, laxity in law enforcement and of "maudlin sympathy" which it was asserted encourages the lawless was voiced here at a conference of the league for enforcement of law through constituted authority, a newly organized Georgia institution.

Jess Mercer, secretary of the league and former federal prohibition officer in this state, declared that many sheriffs in this state care not a button for the law. He charged that the Hall county courthouse doors at Gainesville are propped open with tombstones broken from the "sod of a negro graveyard and the negroes have been told they have no right to save stones over the graves of their dead."

Failure to punish a murderer in Barrow county, damage done around Fitzgerald since the strike on the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railway, dynamiting of cattle dipping vats in southern Georgia, extensive bootlegging operations, attempted intimidation of the chairman of the board of county commissioners at Columbus and other overt acts were charged by Mr. Mercer.

W. Woods White, Atlanta, was elected president.

Government May Buy Canal.

Washington. — Purchase by the federal government of the Cape Cod and Dismal Swamp canals, now privately owned and operated, is authorized under senate amendment to the rivers and harbors development bill adopted by the senate commerce committee. With the acceptance by the committee of the two important amendments, the bill was made complete and its favorable report to the senate was ordered.

Under the terms of the amendments the government agrees to pay \$5,000,000 cash and to assume bonds aggregating \$6,000,000 face value for the Cape Cod waterway. The Dismal Swamp canal, which runs from the Chesapeake bay to Beaufort, N. C., would be purchased for \$500,000 under the amendment.

Morrison Speaks at Meeting.

Wilmington. — An address by Governor Cameron Morrison and a resolution opposing a constitutional change giving superior court judges the right to express opinions to juries during trials, featured a session of the North Carolina Bar association at Wrightsville Beach.

Governor Morrison urged the lawyers of the state to join heart and soul in the program for the development and expansion of the natural resources of the state. More than 100 new members were received into the association.

STOAWAY ADMITS PLOT KNOWLEDGE

Hoboken, N. J.—Max Peterson, a stowaway, said by officers of the Steamer President Taft to have admitted membership of the Eberhardt brigade and to have said he "knew all about the plot," that led to the recent assassination of Dr. Walter Rathenau, German minister of foreign affairs, was removed from the ship by Justice Department agents when she docked at Hoboken.

FORTY SEIZED IN MEXICO

TAKEN AS SECURITY FOR RANSOM OF 15,000 PESOS, SAYS THE REPORT.

Incident at Tampico Follows Seizure of Bruce Bielaski Who Still is Captive.

Washington. — Seizure of 40 American employees of the Cortese Oil company at Tampico, Mexico, reported to the state department, as security for a ransom of 15,000 pesos, created a stir in official circles in Washington. Lacking further information as to what has happened behind what is apparently a rigid censorship at Tampico, however, there was little to indicate whether the incident would lead to any change of attitude here toward the Obregon government in Mexico.

In fact, at the White House, it was said that relations between the United States and Mexico were not likely to be affected in any way by the bandit outbreak and the recent kidnapping for ransom near Cuernavaca, some 60 miles from Mexico City, of Bruce Bielaski, formerly chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice and more recently identified with American oil interests who have property in Mexico.

Until it is known that the incidents are not a matter of domestic politics in Mexico, conceived by enemies of the Obregon government to embarrass its relations with the United States, or until that government has been proved unequal to accord such protection to Americans and their property as the occasion demands, there appears to be no disposition here to move in any other than a diplomatic way.

Beyond a brief report stating that in addition to the two score American employees, a quarter of a million dollars' worth of destructible property of the Cortese Oil company was being held as security for the payment demanded, no other word has reached the state department concerning the bandit action in Tampico.

The new situation in the oil region overshadowed for the moment the seizure of Bruce Bielaski. No word has come from the embassy to show progress of the efforts of the Mexican federal authorities to obtain the release of the captive. The delay caused little surprise here, however, as the region is mountainous and it was recognized that the Mexican government must move cautiously if dealing with reckless outlaws in order that the life of the prisoner might not be jeopardized.

Objects to Duty on Meat Products.

Washington.—Duties on fresh meats and meat products proposed in the pending tariff bill, if effective, would increase the nation's meat bill \$379,500,000; Senator Walsh, democrat, Massachusetts, declared in the senate. He was discussing the agricultural schedule and announced that from time to time he would "submit figures staggering in their size, showing what an unbearable burden these duties on agricultural products would be to the consumers."

Twenty-one Killed in Two Weeks.

Calxico, Calif. — Twenty-one men have been killed in and around Mexicali, Lower California, in the last two weeks, according to official reports in Calxico, just across the international line. This compilation was made following the discovery of eight dead Mexicans, two and a half miles east of Calxico, one of the bodies being in an irrigation ditch on the American side of the boundary.

Captain Hamilton Killed in Crash.

Gettysburg, Pa. — Capt. George D. Hamilton, distinguished service cross man and known as one of the most intrepid officers of the marine corps, was instantly killed here when his airplane crashed to earth in a nose dive near the big monument. Sergt. G. A. Martin of Buffalo, his mechanic, was fatally injured and died soon after he was admitted to the local hospital. Captain Hamilton's plane was one of a number acting as the advance scout party.

STATE WILL LEAD IN SOUTH AGAIN

INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS SLIGHTLY UNDER LAST YEAR'S FIGURES.

TEN PER CENT DECREASE

Other Southern States Have Been Reported as Having Decreases as High as 60 Per Cent.

Raleigh. — "The state of North Carolina will, in all probability, show a smaller reduction in the amount of taxes collected during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, over the preceding year than any district in the United States, declared Gilliam Grissom, United States collector of internal revenue.

With a full week for the receipt of belated returns, which always pile up during the last days of the year, the state is now only \$5,800,000 or four and one-half per cent behind the total of \$124,000,000 collected during the past fiscal year.

Owing to the increase in exemptions under the present law, which raised the exemption for a married man from \$2,000 to \$2,500 and for each child from \$200 to \$400, the income taxes have fallen off sharply, there having been collected to date only \$33,124,120.72 from this source as against \$38,533,871.14 for the previous year, or a decrease of practically 10 per cent. However, other southern states have been reported as having decreases as high as 60 per cent, according to information reaching Collector Grissom.

What North Carolina has lost in income taxes has been almost entirely made up in increases from taxes on tobacco and on estates, of which scores have shown a marked increase during the past year. By the time the final collections are made for the fiscal year Collector Grissom estimates that the amount collected will be more than \$3,000,000 less than the phenomenal total of \$124,000,000 collected last year when North Carolina led the South, ranking close to the top among all the states in the amount contributed to the support of the federal government.

Federal Court Takes Recess.

After handling 310 cases in 27 days, the May criminal term of the Raleigh division of the United States District court recessed until September 24th, and United States Marshal R. W. Ward left for Atlanta with 16 of the 17 prisoners sentenced to the penitentiary during the term.

Only 135 new cases, of which 44 were felonies and 91 were misdemeanors were placed on the docket and substantial progress was made in freeing the docket of congestion.

District Attorney Irvin B. Tucker, who was holding his first regular term of court here secured 83 convictions as against 12 acquittals in the 100 cases actually tried. Of those convicted 17 were sentenced to prison in Atlanta for terms ranging from one to five years, six were sent to jail and fines were imposed totalling \$3,815.

Nine white men and seven negroes made up the party which Marshal R. W. Ward, assisted by one deputy and eight guards, escorted to Atlanta. Seven were convicted of robbing the mails or postoffices; three for violation of the motor theft act; two for second offences of illicit manufacturing of whiskey; one for forging an endorsement on a government check; one for robbing interstate commerce; one for white slavery, and one for violating the anti-narcotic act.

The automobile theft cases constituted the biggest prosecution brought before the court during the term. Of twelve defendants originally indicted for traffic in stolen automobiles over several states, three have confessed, five have been convicted and sentenced to prison and four remain to be tried. C. J. Kelly of Sanford, the alleged leader of the conspiracy, was sentenced to five years last December, while four others were sentenced at the present term of court. The batch of prisoners included three of the automobile defendants, Eddie Brendle and J. R. Prince, of Norfolk, who received two years, and H. O. Lee of Detroit, who has one year to serve. N. C. Kelly of Sanford was also convicted and sentenced for two years at the present term, but on account of the condition of his family was given until September to begin his sentence.

The special week of court to be held in September will be held for the purpose of disposing of the remainder of the automobile cases, the most important defendant being George J. Scott, formerly a member of the state squad of the New York city police.